

At 6:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 961. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

At 8:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1158) making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 961. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-914. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-39, adopted by the Council on April 4, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-915. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, to authorize Federal agencies to use moneys received from user charges, which exceed actual management costs, for parking to fund alternatives to single-occupancy motor vehicle employee commuting; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-916. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1994 annual report under the Government in the Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-917. A communication from the Chair of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to internal controls for 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-918. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate; ordered to lie on the table.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-117. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota; to the Committee on Appropriations.

"RESOLUTION NO. 3

"Whereas, the national railroad passenger corporation, known as Amtrak, provides vitally important service to the people of Minnesota; and

"Whereas, over 162,000 persons arrive and depart from points in Minnesota using the Amtrak system; and

"Whereas, Amtrak provides necessary rail connections between Minnesota and the rest of the country; and

"Whereas, Amtrak makes significant contributions to the Minnesota economy through a payroll of over \$3,000,000 in the state and purchase of nearly \$5,000,000 in supplies and equipment; and

"Whereas, budget reductions for Amtrak now being discussed in the Congress threaten the existence of Amtrak as a national rail system; and

"Whereas, these budget reductions would harm Minnesota through drastic reductions in service and lost contributions to the state's economy; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, That Congress should provide funding for the Amtrak system that would allow it to continue as a true national system and continue to serve the people of Minnesota; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Minnesota transmit enrolled copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress."

POM-118. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

"ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

"Whereas, the United States Navy has occupied the site of the Naval Warfare Assessment Division in Norco, California since 1941; and

"Whereas, the Naval Warfare Assessment Division has, since 1951, served the Navy as an independent assessment agent to gauge the war-fighting capacity of ships and aircraft, from unit to battlegroup level, by assessing the suitability of design, the performance of equipment and weapons, and the adequacy of training; and

"Whereas, the Naval Warfare Assessment Division had its beginning in the Navy during a period when great advancements in weapons technology were being developed and introduced to the fleet; and

"Whereas, these new technologies brought with them problems in development, acquisition, operation, and support; and

"Whereas, the Navy needed an unbiased resource with direct access to fleet users in order to provide an objective assessment of war-fighting capability, performance, and effects of improvements; and

"Whereas, this independent, unbiased assessment has been honed over time into a consolidated, centrally located, and fully integrated organization dedicated to provide Navy and other Department of Defense decisionmakers with critical, accurate, and reliable information needed to improve the war-fighting capability and readiness of U.S. Armed Forces; and

"Whereas, the threats and challenges facing the military today cannot be met using the technology of yesterday; and

"Whereas, the Naval Warfare Assessment Division services focus on weapon and combat system performance, fleet training effectiveness, systems, and material quality and

these services are sponsored by more than 120 Navy, Marine Corps, Army, and Air Force programs, and by other U.S. and foreign government agencies; and

"Whereas, more than 3,500 government and industry customers rely on the Naval Warfare Assessment Division for its expertise; and

"Whereas, the newly opened Warfare Assessment Laboratory in Norco has become the focal point for integrated analysis that electronically links analysts at the Norco site with Navy firing ranges, ships at sea, and aircraft or missiles in actual flight, allowing near real time access to data that used to take weeks to obtain and compile; and

"Whereas, this laboratory is a unique facility that can support functions that no other single facility in the United States can support such as Joint Service exercises, war gaming, and simulation; and

"Whereas, the central location of the Naval Warfare Assessment Division in Norco is ideal. The facility is in close proximity to the San Diego Naval Complex, the Port Hueneme/Ventura plain Naval Complex, Camp Pendleton, and China Lake. Furthermore, the Naval Warfare Assessment Division is independent of each of these other facilities; and

"Whereas, the Naval Warfare Assessment Division contributes more than \$149 million to the region's economy by employing more than 1,000 people and by using more than 400 contractors and suppliers; and

"Whereas, for all of the above reasons, the Naval Warfare Assessment Division is of the utmost importance in maintaining the preparedness of the armed forces for the defense of the United States; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature hereby memorializes the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, the President and the Congress of the United States to provide for the continued operation of the Norco Naval Warfare Assessment Division as an essential facility for the readiness and defense of the United States; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States."

POM-119. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 95-1005

"Whereas, the United States Congress, in a late amendment to the "Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994", P.L. 103-305, preempted all state regulation of the prices, routes, and service of motor carriers of property operating in intrastate commerce, effective January 1, 1995; and

"Whereas, intrastate commerce by definition occurs wholly within the borders of a state; and

"Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States declared as early as 1824 that under the Commerce Clause, article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, "the completely internal commerce of a state, . . . , may be considered as reserved for the state itself"; and

"Whereas, however broad Congress's power over interstate commerce may be, the inherent power of the states to govern their own internal affairs remains unquestioned, and is in fact guaranteed by the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; and